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BASEBALL, AUTOS,
LAWN TENNIS, GOLFBRAINS ARE PRIME REQUISITE IN
MANAGERS OF BIG LEAGUE TEAMSRowland of Chicago White Sox Is Only Manager of Sixteen,
Not a Former Big League Player—List of Pilots
and Their Former Positions.

(By Hal Cady)

NEW YORK, March 24.—In the development of a championship team the part of the manager should not be underestimated. A careful look at the chiefs of the great general staffs in the campaigns this season is therefore quite in order.

We find that out of the sixteen National and American league managers this year only one (Clarence Rowland, of the Chicago White Sox) is not a former big league player. The other fifteen have good records in fast company.

But brains are the prime requisite in a manager. Clarence may not be the worst manager of the season at that.

When Owner Comiskey engaged Rowland two years ago the general public knew little of the new manager, whose most important position until then had been in a minor league. Comiskey stacked his cards on Rowland because he believed this young man knew baseball. And Rowland has a fine personality for a leader. He is cool and inspires confidence. He isn't too proud to take advice constantly from two men—Comiskey himself once a star first baseman, and Eddie Collins, veteran captain of the team.

Comiskey was the leader of the four-time champion Browns in the American association. Then he managed the Cincinnati Reds, and finally he captured the first American league pennant with the White Sox in 1906. Comiskey hasn't lost confidence in his choice of Rowland through the failure of the White Sox to win pennants last year and the year before. He believes Rowland profits by his mistakes and is today a greater leader than ever.

Rowland has his team working evenly and smoothly. He doesn't believe in the big stick. He is willing to talk over suggestions of grievances with anybody. Besides the two mentioned his chief adviser is Kid Gleason, team coach. Opponents of the White Sox have to buck the combined Rowland-Comiskey-Collins-Gleason brain power, and this is nothing to turn up your nose at.

Taking up the other fifteen major league managers, it is learned that six were catchers, four pitchers, four infield men and one an outfielder on major league teams.

The backstops are Mack, of the Athletics; Stallings, of the Braves; Mitchell, of the Cubs; Robinson, of the Brooklyn; Fohl, of the Cleveland; and Moran, of the Phillies.

The former twirlers are Mathewson, of the Reds; Donovan, of the Yankees; Callahan, of the Pirates; and Griffith, of the Washingtons.

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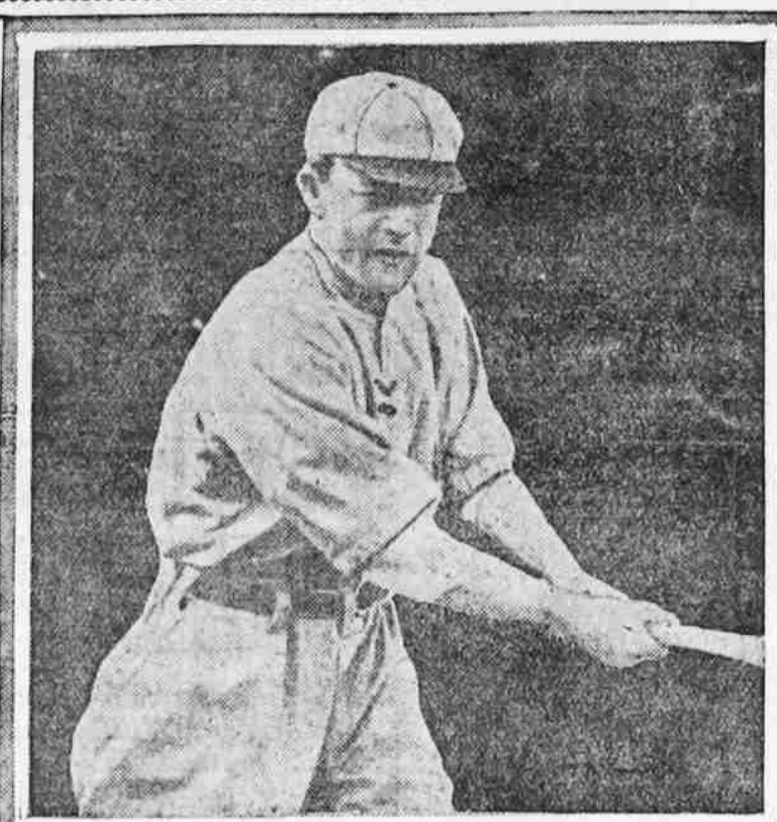
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HUGGINS INTERNATIONAL

TRACK MEETS TO
BE BY TELEGRAPHBasketball Golf, Tennis and
Other Sports Are Being
Stimulated.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The plan inaugurated by two Colorado universities to hold a series of track meets throughout the spring and summer, in which each team will compete on its home track, presents the possibility of East versus West track and field meets without the necessity of taking long transcontinental tours.

For instance, on the supposition that Yale in New Haven and Stanford university in California are competing, should Stanford's three shot-putters register 46, 45 and 42 feet as against Yale's 46.2, 44 and 41, this would give Yale a first, Stanford a second and third places. Thus in all of the field events there would be no trouble experienced out of the ordinary. In the case of the sprints and runs, however, in order to get the times of the men other than the winner, it would be necessary to have timers for the second and third men in each event.

That these dual "telegraphic" meets staged simultaneously in two widely separated sections of the country are feasible and would promote much interest is the consensus of opinion among such sport followers as have given the matter consideration.

"Telegraphic" chess and checker tournaments, as well as bowling matches already are of common occurrence.

Dr. J. Fred Bohler, director of athletics of the State College of Washington, at Pullman, who also is a member of the basketball rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic association, has picked an all-coast basketball team and also an all-northwest basketball team for an eastern sporting magazine.

Dr. Bohler's selections follow: All-Coast Basketball Team—Price, W. S. C. forward; Sieberts, O. A. C. forward; Hjelte, U. of California, center; Bohler, W. S. C. guard; Staats, University of Washington, guard.

All-Northwest Basketball Team—Price, W. S. C. forward; Gray, U. of Idaho, forward; Dement, Whitman, center; Bohler, W. S. C. guard; Copeland, W. S. C. guard.

The Washington State college team won the championship of the northwest this season and tied with University of California for the championship of the Pacific coast conference.

With the approach of better golfing weather than this winter's unusual snows have provided, and with the announcement of the dates for the

Colorado tournament made recently, golfers all over the state are polishing up their irons and painting up the veteran gutta-percha used last season in preparation for a spring and summer of practice for entrance into the Colorado contest. The tournament is to be played at the Lakewood Country club August 21 to 25.

The state governing body of golf has named the handicapping committee for the tournament. It is as follows: F. W. Maxwell, Denver Country club, chairman; Walter B. Kinkead, Lakewood; C. J. Niehaus, Interlachen Golf club, and W. R. Morris of the Denver City Park club.

Denver supporters of the movement to popularize tennis are pleased at the recent designation of that city as one of two "national tennis centers" in the mountain states region. Salt Lake City is the other point so designated.

This designation predates the holding in Denver of a tournament, the winners of which will be eligible to compete for the national boys' or national juniors' championships in tournaments at Forest Hills, Long Island, during the week of the national singles championship, which begins August 30.

A new phase in the automobile racing game in the southwest, which already has begun to develop its "classics" in the way of long distance road races, seems likely from succession of the old Albuquerque Automobile Racing association by the Albuquerque Speedway association.

The reorganized body has obtained control of a plot of land on the mesa near Albuquerque, N. M., and expects soon to begin construction of a mile and a half elliptical track.

Whether the association will abandon its summer road races is not yet determined.

BAT NELSON READY
TO JOIN ARMY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—Bat Nelson is not a mollycoddle. He's ready to join the United States army or navy in case the United States is dragged into this war.

He prefers the army and wired Colonel Theodore Roosevelt that he wants to join T. R.'s regiment if the latter organizes one. His wire reads: "Still in the ring and willing to enter arena if my country tosses its hat in the ring. In case of hostilities would want to join your regiment. Fought for my country once in First South Dakota. Company G. Willing to do it again. I am not a mollycoddle."

"BATTILING NELSON"

Coming, "The Escape." Watch for announcement.

Robinson Pleased With Recruits' Work



Durning (left) and Malone.

Manager Robinson of the Brooklyn club is pleased with the work of his recruits at Hot Springs, two of the most promising of which are Durning and Malone. Durning is a southpaw twirler and has done fine work in practice games. Malone plays at second.

NATE LEWIS SAYS HEAVYWEIGHT
DIVISION SHOULD BE CHANGEDPresent Conditions Result in One-sided Contests Which Are
Uninteresting—Some Men Are Super-Heavies.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Nate Lewis has started a lot of talk in flaccid circles here by proposing that the heavyweight division be divided up and only men of approximately equal weight be matched.

He argues the present condition results in one-sided contests. Of course, these battles between heavies with thirty to fifty pounds difference in weight are also usually uninteresting.

Lewis is the manager of Carl Morris and he cites a match between his protegee and Joe Bonds as one of the undesirable meetings against which he is campaigning.

"All big men are not heavyweights," said Lewis today. "The enforcement of such a rule (i. e., matches only between men of about the same weight) in classes below the heavyweight division is simple enough. The lines of demarcation are plainly defined. Above the light heavyweight class there is no such class distinction. Men weighing above 175 pounds are all considered little pals together. One weighing 180 pounds is classed with another outweighing him fifty pounds or more.

"This should not be. When there is such a disparity in size matches should be prohibited unless the smaller man is of known excellence. For instance, Battling Levinsky, 175-180

pounds, is the equal, probably, of the majority of boxers outweighing him twenty-five pounds and more. But this is the exception. Levinsky is a wonderfully clever boxer. The average 180-pound man does not possess the skill to offset a great physical handicap. In the case of Morris and Bonds, for example, Carl's physical advantage, not to consider the factor of skillfulness, are too great. Heavyweights can be 'over-matched,' even though the rules do not discriminate among them.

"Consider for a moment a match between Morris Fulton or Willard and any heavyweight you can name. It would be ridiculous, wouldn't it? They are 'super-heavyweights.' With the possible exception of one or two men, they are in a class by themselves. In the majority of cases it would be like matching Johnny Ertle with Mike Gibbons to send them in against the average heavyweight. Moreover, a man so big would gain little prestige defeating one so small, and the match usually disappoints the spectators. I repeat, some means should be taken to control the making of matches in the heavyweight division, where a difference of as much as seventy-five pounds in the weights is now possible. When a promoter makes a heavy-weight match he should consider the class of the men."

POP GEERS MAY
SET A RECORD

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 24.—Edward P. (Pop) Geers, the grand old man of the harness turf, will try to set a record for longevity in active participation for all time, and, unless all signs fail, he will succeed.

Recently Geers celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday, and next May he will have rounded out forty-five years as an active driver.

It is his ambition to go five years more, thus completing half a century on the track. It was feared when the veteran met with an accident last season and was badly smashed up that his racing days were over, but he made a surprising recovery for a man of his years, and now is in fine health. He is not only training hard every day that weather permits, but is rounding out his day of work with a horseback ride.

Geers' sixty-sixth birthday was perhaps a more interesting one to him than any which preceded it, for the reason that he also celebrated the first event in which he ever drove a horse in harness a mile in faster than two minutes. In the Columbus August meeting he sent Napoleon Direct over the distance in 1:59 3/4. Up to 1916 his best trotting and pacing miles were 2:01 by The Harvester and 2:00-3/4 behind Ess H. Kay.

Coming, "The Escape." Watch for announcement.

Rules for Swimming Contests to Be Adopted

NEW YORK, March 24.—Various arguments taking place this season after close college relay swimming races point to the need of adopting some rule which will give clear and definite instructions to both contestants and officials on the subject of starting.

As matters stand, a rather wide interpretation is found of the method of procedure. Some believe the competitors should remain flat-footed until the preceding men have touched; others claim it is sufficient for the former's feet to remain in contact with the take-off until the latter's hands strike the wall. Again, some think each contestant should be given the official signal to leave only when the previous teammate has finished; others hold that the touchoff should be timed so as to enable the swimmers to be in full swing when their predecessors reach the board.

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Fitzsimmons to
Have His Face
Renovated

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Bob Fitzsimmons longs to be as beautiful as Tom Sharkey and Bat Nelson. So he is going to follow the example of these two eminent exponents of the flaccid art and have his face renovated.

Accompanied by Sharkey, who recently had a six-inch cauliflower extracted from his left ear, Fitz invaded a beauty parlor recently.

"Go the whole route," said he to the beautifier, "and fix up my face. You can even remove the freckles."

The expert found the following things wrong with Fitz's physiognomy: Two bad eyes, a misshapen nose, drooping eyelid due to cuts, scars on the lips, cheeks, chin and over the eyes. Sharkey heard the list of facial deficiencies, then told Ruby Bob to buy a whole new mush.

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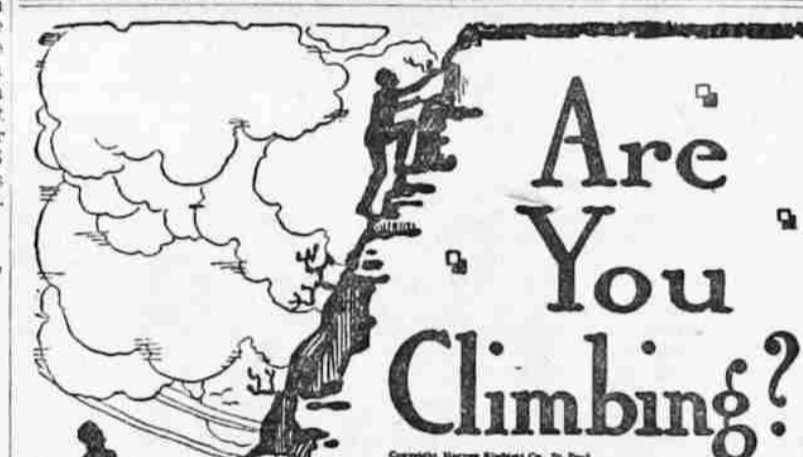
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